

ORDINANCE NO. 2012 03-03

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A NEW SECTION OF TITLE XI: BUSINESS REGULATIONS, ENUMERATED AS SECTION 124 OF THE CROWN POINT CODE OF ORDINANCES AS IT PERTAINS TO “CASH FOR GOLD” BUSINESSES, SCRAP DEALERS AND PAWN BROKERS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF CROWN POINT.

WHEREAS, Title XI of the Crown Point Code of Ordinances regulates certain businesses in the City of Crown Point; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Common Council recently determined for the health and public safety of the citizens of Crown Point the need for regulation of certain businesses that deal in Scrap, Pawned Goods and Merchandise and Cash for Gold ; and

WHEREAS, due the high price of scrap metal, many new “Cash for Gold” stores have opened across the City of Crown Point; and

WHEREAS, Pawn Shops, Scrap Dealers and “Cash for Gold operations” frequently pay cash for the merchandise they receive which results in the ability of thieves to dispose of silver and gold without risk of identification; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Crown Point that Section §124 of Title XI the Crown Point Code of Ordinances be created to include as follows:

§124 - Payment for Items Received by Scrap/Pawn or Cash for Gold Stores

(A) It shall be unlawful in the City of Crown Point for any person to engage in, carry on, or conduct the business of a pawnbroker, or a “Cash for Gold” or any other purchaser of scrap metal or jewelry, if that person or business pays cash for the merchandise or scrap metal received unless the business entity requires two forms of identification with one being a photo ID issued by a State of Indiana or Federal authority.

(B) All pawnbrokers/scrap metal and “Cash for Gold” purchasers shall keep copies of the identification documents and photographs with detailed records shall be maintained of all items coming in to the business and all funds being paid out of the business. Said records and photos shall be made available to law enforcement personnel for inspection during normal business hours.


(C) Any person, business, corporation, company, pawn shop, cash for gold, or scrap metal purchaser or organization who knowingly pays cash for merchandise or items received and does not comply with subsection (B) shall be deemed in violation of §92.20 Maintaining a Public Nuisance in addition to any fines imposed by §92.99(D).

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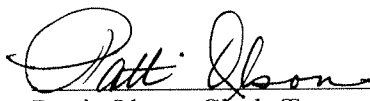
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage by the Common Council and approval by the Mayor.

ADOPTED this 11th day of April, 2012, by a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.


COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CROWN POINT, INDIANA


Presiding Officer, David DF Uran, Mayor

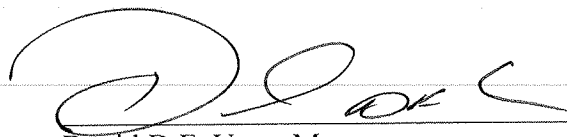
ATTEST:


Patti, Olson, Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Crown Point, Indiana, this 11th day of
April, 2012 at 6:00 P..m.


Patti Olson, Clerk-Treasurer

Signed and approved by me, the Mayor of the City of Crown Point, Indiana, this 11th
day of April, 2012 at 6:00 P..m.


David D.F. Uran, Mayor